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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-15 (Canceled)

16. (Amended) A process for ~~treating blasting~~ a surface to remove a coating from the surface, the process being of the type which employs an erasing agent comprising a plurality of particles, the process comprising the step of ~~contacting the surface with propelling~~ the erasing agent against the surface such that at least some of the particles roll along at least a portion of the surface, wherein an angle of incidence of the particles and the surface is between 0° and 60°, wherein the particles are generally round and have an irregular surface configuration to effect a rolling movement along the surface such that the particles rub and absorb the coating from the surface, ~~and wherein the erasing agent substantially non-aqueous~~ and wherein the particles have an average maximum diameter of between 30 and 100 microns.

17. (Original) A process as claimed in Claim 1 in which the particles comprise a precipitate or agglomerate of an insoluble alkali metal carbonate.

18. (Canceled)

19. (Canceled)

20. (Canceled)

21. (Canceled)

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22. (Canceled)

23. (New) A process as claimed in Claim 1 for use with dental applications such as teeth whitening, plaque removal and general cleaning or polishing of the teeth, buccal cavity and prosthetic parts such as crowns, bridges and complete or partial dentures.

24. (New) A process as claimed in Claim 1 in which the particles comprise a precipitate or agglomerate of an insoluble calcium carbonate.

25. (New) A process as claimed in Claim 1 in which the erasing agent is substantially non-aqueous.